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## FRUITS OF PROSPERITY.

Never before in this country have the big factories been busier and labor more fully employed throughout the United States in general, than now; never have the railroads been more steadily laden with freight; never have the harvests been heavier, the yield of mines richer and all business brisker and sounder. Never did a new year come upon greater prosperity than the American people are enjoying today.

What does it mean to us?  
The most common question is, "Will it last?" But that is not the most important question.

Prosperity means more money, of course, more comforts, more pleasures, more freedom from worries, more joy in living. The industrious are working their way forward and upward. The thrifty are laying aside a competence. Hundreds of thousands of homes are being built. It is a time rich with hopes and achievement.

But what does all this really mean to us?  
Merely more money, more comforts, more pleasures?  
Are there no blessings for us in prosperity beyond the material joys of easier living?

Alas for us as a people if we fail to see in our bountiful plenty the responsibility to our better selves which this prosperity has put upon us!

Adversity develops great differences in men. Prosperity develops greater differences still.

Many are glad to seize the fruits that fall from the cornucopia and eat, drink and be merry.

Many others store them securely away where they are of no use to themselves or anyone else.

And others carefully use them as means to develop their own minds, to broaden and sweeten their sympathies, to educate their children, to lend a helping hand to the weak, to soothe the sorrowing, to make the home wholesomer and happier, to build schools and hospitals and churches, to grasp not the joys that must perish with themselves but to create those leavening human forces that shall endure forever.

Wealth itself never advanced humanity a single step. Prosperity that is wholly material can never truly benefit any people. It is but enriched soil in which the real treasures of life may be better grown.

## COTTON'S USE IN WAR.

Cotton is being blown up now at a faster rate than at any previous time in the history of the world, according to the Wall Street Journal. The use of guncotton in up-to-date warfare is enormous, being largely used in the high explosives; for instance, the English Cordite is 37 per cent cotton.

United States Ordnance experts estimate that every time one of the big 15 inch guns of Uncle Sam's navy goes off there is one less bale of cotton, of 500 pounds. One discharge on the 12 inch gun consumes 300 pounds of cotton.

Those same experts figure that it requires one pound of cotton to make one pound of guncotton, the loss in weight being accounted for in the treating of cotton in a mixture of strong nitric acid and sulphuric acids. One of them estimates that 4,000,000 men on the firing line use up about 40,000 bales of cotton in a week of fairly active fighting, although guesses on that score are necessarily vague.

Powder companies have been very large buyers of cotton.

Some day the idea may percolate the craniums of American statesmen that the only way to pacify Mexico is for this government to go ahead and do it regardless of Carranza, Villa or any other faction. What to do with it after that might be decided later, but it is certain that anarchy will rule the southern republic just as long as America keeps hands off. And all the while our entire standing army is kept busy along the border doing police duty for the protection of the lives and property of our citizens.

Automobile authorities that are not interested in booming the market agree that a shortage of cars in 1916 is probable. A heavy demand was expected from the west, but it was far greater than the manufacturers anticipated, and dealers even in New York City find it as difficult to supply the demand as those throughout the middle west and the west. In addition there is an abnormal demand from Europe. None can tell what dimensions the automobile business may reach. Fears have frequently been expressed that the general purchase of cars has operated detrimentally to expansion of business in other directions. Certainly an enormous amount of money is tied up in automobiles in individual ownership, with a correspondingly small distribution for labor and material. It remains to be seen whether these immense fortunes remain in the hands of a few men or are divided among that variety of enterprises demanded by a condition of general prosperity. If these huge sums of money are withheld from business it may be expected that the automobile industry will inherit all the muckraking, all the laws and all the regulations formerly directed at our railroads.

They say the real reason Henry Ford quit the peace party was because of the quarrels among the members of the party. Still if Henry had been a little better informed he would have known that it has always been a habit of peace congresses and conventions to break up with a free for all fight.

The United States should hunt down Villa and his bandits and hang every one of them, including their leader, for the murder of American citizens. If the present army is not large enough for the job a call for volunteers would easily supply the deficiency.

Too bad that we can't have our 1916 political campaign and election now while the weather is too bad to permit of anything else. Then we should not have to waste any time in the busy fall season listening to the pleas of the candidates and their strikers.

War dispatches say they're using cheese to make bullets with. Haven't they any old-fashioned biscuits in Europe? asks one of our exchanges.

If the press dispatches may be believed the "Sunny California" advertisements of the railroads are somewhat misleading this winter.

This spell of winter weather is beginning to remind us of the climate down in "Sunny" California.



## STANDING THE GAFF

If you have some costly break, don't demonstrate your streak of yellow, by saying, "Twasn't my mistake—the blame rests on the other fellow." Far manlier it is to say, "I am the author of that blunder, and if you do not like my way, just soak your head and go to thunder." George Washington chopped down a tree, for which he doubtless knew he'd catch it. His father said to him, said he, "Who did this with his little hatchet?" If George had been a tin-horn sport, he would have said, "That Johnson laddie cut down your prune tree good and short, so go and take his hide off, daddy." But George was not a ten-cent youth; in him there was no streak of yellow; when he did wrong he told the truth, nor blamed things on the other fellow. So he said, "Dad, if you must be worked up about so small a trifle, why, I cut down your measly tree—I did it with my flobert rifle." That spirit is as good as gold, though found in low or lofty station, and with it you will always hold the world's respect and admiration.



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**OPEN FORUM**  
Salem, Or., Jan. 10, 1916.  
To the Editor: I see in your valuable paper of January 5, where the Franklin Literary society, of Pratum, debated on the county agriculturalist. It goes on to say that both sides were ably debated, which was true. Furthermore, that is was decided by the judges for the affirmative and the decision well expressed the opinion of the house.

Now, the judges were there to decide for the debaters and not for the house, and if the correspondent had taken a pencil and paper and canvassed the house that night, or any other time, he would find out that he is misrepresenting the community very much, when he said the decision expressed the opinion of the house.

He undoubtedly is a friend of Mr. Chapin and is looking for a piece of that \$6400 that they tried to slip over on the county judge at the eleventh hour.

ONE WHO WAS THERE AND KNOWS.

**PREPAREDNESS**  
To the Editor: Preparedness as a "guarantee of peace." That sounds well, but how does it analyze? It means that each nation must be a little stronger than any other nation. That is to say, France, only half as strong as Germany in men and money, must

be equipped so that one Frenchman would be equal to two Germans. Two Germans, Belgium, with only one-eighth the population of Germany must be so armed that one Belgian would be equal to a little more than eight Germans. This would secure her peace.

Spain, poor thing, would have to take on several laps to secure her peace on that basis. England's army must be stronger than Germany's, and Germany's navy must be stronger than England's, etc., etc. This is peace by preparedness. And now since we have entered the race for peace, we must be strong enough to back Japan, and all of Europe combined. In the language of another, "What sort of demon is it that promises peace on such basis?"

L. D. RATLIFF.

## Norman Hotel Company In Receiver's Hands

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 12.—Receiver for the Spokane hotel and other properties operated by the Norman Hotel Company was applied for today in the local federal court by the German Savings and Loan Society, of San Francisco. In addition to the local hotel the Hotel Tacoma, of Tacoma, is one of the company's holdings.

The San Francisco concern claims to hold mortgages and other obligations against the hotel company amounting to \$223,817 and claims that the Spokane hotel has recently incurred additional debts amounting to \$50,000.



## A Galley o' Fun!

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE MULTI-MILLIONAIRE

There was once a multi-millionaire who had two daughters. Of these, the elder was a vain, frivolous creature who thought of nothing but building orphan asylums, visiting the sick, sending alms to indigent cripples, and the like. The younger daughter was of a more serious turn of mind and devoted all her spare time to mastering the intricacies of Bridge Whist.

An impetuous nobleman from beyond the sea, hearing of the exceedingly great wealth of this multi-millionaire, determined to contract a matrimonial alliance with the family. The father of the girls made no objection to the match, and it remained for the nobleman to choose between the two. As might naturally be expected, he was attracted by the lighter accomplishments of the elder daughter, rather than by the more substantial attainments of her sister. Accordingly he proposed for the hand of the former, and the engagement was announced amid great rejoicing.

About this time the country was plunged into a financial panic, in which the multi-millionaire lost all his property except what was in his wife's name. Now, the nobleman had no desire to take a penniless bride, so he promptly broke the engagement. He might have broken his fiancée's heart into the bargain had she not been so grieved over losing the means of indulging in her favorite amusements that she had no time for him or sorrow.

Meanwhile the younger daughter had left the parental roof and set up a bachelor-girl establishment of her own, where she supported herself in luxury by her earnings at the whist table. Learning of this the nobleman sought her out and laid his little and his debts at her feet. He was accepted before he had time to finish his declaration, and the wedding was celebrated with great eclat. And they lived happily ever after, or, at least, so happily as was consistent with the customs of the higher circles in which they moved.

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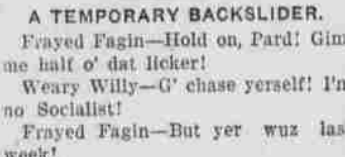


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Weary Willy—G' chase yerself! I'm no Socialist!  
Frayed Fagin—But yer wuz las week!  
Weary Willy—Yes! An' I will be as'n as soon as I finish dis lick! G' shake a da-da!



## VERY LOW.

Dolan—I see the doctor at Casey's. Anybody sick?  
Kelly—Casey is. His wife's had twins again.

## DRAMATIC SIDELIGHTS

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## Coroner Investigates Suspicious Tacoma Death

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 11.—Coroner Stewart is today making an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Gordon Osborn, aged 18, business college student, whose body was found lying on the bench near Old Town with a rope tied around his waist. Young Osborn had been missing since a week ago Sunday, when he went fishing in a rowboat on the narrows during a heavy storm. How the rope came to be around Osborn's body is a puzzle to the police. Deputy Coroner King, who carefully examined the body, said he could find no mark of violence. The boat is still missing.

## Miss Jane Addams Is Before Committee

Washington, Jan. 12.—Miss Jane Addams of Chicago and a delegation of the woman's peace party, holding a convention here, appeared today before the house and senate foreign committees and presented their peace and anti-preparedness plan. This proposes: A congressional investigation of national defense within six months. A peace conference of neutrals immediately.

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